



## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### CERES READ-IN

On March 27th the Club conducted its 19th annual Ceres Rotary Read In. Rotarians, twenty-one students from the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club at Central Valley High School and other community leaders—105 readers in all-- turned out to read 114 books to students at all twelve Ceres elementary schools. Two hundred and twenty classes—over 5,000 children were read to. The books were then donated to the school libraries so students can enjoy them for years to come. Anne Snyder, K-12 Librarian for Ceres Unified School District and Read-In Coordinator stated, "I had the pleasure of reading at three schools and had a blast! (Pictured is Liz Hosmer reading to students at Caswell School)



### MODESTO ROTARY'S WOMEN BUILD PROJECT

On Saturday, March 28, 2009, it wasn't men wielding hammers, pounding nails, and raising walls at the Habitat for Humanity Hope Village building site...it was the WOMEN of The Modesto Rotary Club!

More than 50 female Rotarians and female partners/wives of male Rotarians in the club worked at the construction site and completed the framing of two houses. The Modesto Rotary Club Foundation, along with a District 5220 Simplified Grant, provided Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus a \$5,000 contribution to support this one-day Women



Build, improving our local community.

Women Build is Habitat's volunteer program for women who want to learn construction skills and make a difference by building homes and communities. Women at these builds have furthered Habitat's home-building mission by helping to construct over 1,400 houses.

Female Rotarian volunteers of all ages and professions participated, including former City Council member Kenni Friedman, as well as Structural Engineer Rapunzel Amador-Lewis, a local businesswoman



who has "broken new ground" for women in the engineering and building trades. No need to worry, the men were not excluded. It was the Modesto Rotary Club men who cooked and served lunch that day for all the hardworking volunteers.

President Marion Martino stated : "We started the morning with two concrete slabs and ended the day with two homes framed and ready for the next phase of construction. We lifted lots of walls,

hammered lots of nails, had lots of fun and felt a great sense of accomplishment."

